GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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MAJULI ISLAND
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Archaeological Survey of India and the State Government of Assam have fulfilled all requirements including submission of additional information towards fulfilling the conditions of UNESCO concerning the World Heritage Status of Majuli Island;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether these are likely to be submitted;

(d) the reason for inordinate delay to compile this information;

(e) whether Government would renominate to put Majuli Island in the World Heritage Map in 2008; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a)& (b) Yes, Sir. The additional information has been furnished to the World Heritage Centre of UNESCO. It includes an inventory of architecture and spatial patterns associated with Sattras, further information on the remaining Sattras and their influence on Majuli Island, the legal framework, risk preparedness, an inventory of flora and fauna, and an amplification of the Management Plan.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) to (f) In pursuance of the Government's decision to renominate Majuli Island in 2008, the additional data/information was gathered, compiled and furnished to UNESCO'S World Heritage Centre before the deadline of 1st February, 2008.